

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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AGREEMENT WITH SBI FOR FINANCIAL SEED PRODUCTION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Seeds Corporation Limited have entered into agreements with State Bank of India to finance farmers for seed production;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the farmers in the country are not getting good quality seeds resulting poor growth in agriculture sector; and
- (d) if so, the extent to which the agreement of SBI with NSC is going to help farmers to make availability of qualitative seeds?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

- (a): Yes, Sir. National Seeds Corporation Limited (NSC) has entered into an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the State Bank of India to finance NSC's growers for seed production.
- (b): The MoU entered into on 13th July, 2005 is annexed.
- (c): No, Sir. During Kharif-2005, the quantity of certified/quality seed made available to the farmers in the country is 6741950 quintals against the requirement of 5129090 quintals as assessed and reported by the States.
- (d): As a result of entering into of this MoU, it is expected that the financial needs of the farmers/growers would be suitably met and they would come forward for taking-up production programme of seed production under NSC's growers programme which will result in more availability of quality seeds.